

Project Title Western Carolina Community Action IDA Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$20,000

Nonfederal Support \$20,000

Project Period September 2001 – September 2006

Highlights Western Carolina Community Action, Inc. is offering 18

IDAs for homeownership, microenterprise, and postsecondary education. The match rate is \$2 to \$1, up to \$2,000 in participant savings over 54 months. The program also operates a "fast track" for savings over a 6 month period. In addition to core financial training, services include employment support, goal planning exercises, crisis counseling, mentoring, and credit repair.

Target Population Henderson and Transylvania Counties, North Carolina.

Grantee/Collaborative Description Western Carolina Community Action, Inc. is a

Community Action Agency founded in 1966. Partner agencies that are serving as client recruitment sources include WorkFirst (North Carolina's TANF, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families), Consumer Credit Counseling, North Carolina Extension Service, and Western Carolina's own housing and Head Start coordinators. First Citizen's and RBC Centura are the

financial institution partners.